

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 987

SENATE BILL NO. 3212

By Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3779

**By Sargent, Hawk, Overbey, Harrison, McDaniel, Williams, Ford,
Roach**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to health insurance carriers' payment policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1013(c), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

A health insurance carrier shall not require any provider by contract, reimbursement or otherwise, to notify the health insurance carrier of a hospital inpatient emergency admission within a period of time that is less than one (1) business day of the hospital inpatient admission, if compliance with such requirement would result in notification by the provider on a weekend or federal holiday. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the applicability or administration of other provisions of a contract between a hospital and health insurance carrier, including without limitation preauthorization requirements for scheduled inpatient admissions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR